

WE CLAIM:

1. An image-rendering device for an image projector, the device comprising:

a body comprising:

an image receiver adapted to alternatively receive a first interchangeable data transfer device and a second interchangeable data transfer device, wherein each interchangeable data transfer device is adapted to enable transfer of an image to the image-rendering device;

a projector connector adapted to operably couple the image-rendering device to the image projector; and

a processor configured to automatically transmit the image from the image receiver to the image projector for display.

2. The image-rendering device of claim 1, wherein the body is configured to be selectively inserted at least partially within an attachment slot in the image projector.

3. The image-rendering device of claim 1, wherein the image receiver is configured to receive a wireless local area network card.

4. The image-rendering device of claim 1, wherein the image receiver is configured to receive a wired network card.

5. The image-rendering device of claim 1, wherein the image receiver is configured to receive a presentation card.

6. The image-rendering device of claim 1, wherein the image receiver is configured to receive a mass storage device.

7. The image-rendering device of claim 6, wherein the image receiver is configured to receive a memory card.

8. The image-rendering device of claim 1, wherein the processor is further configured to decompress the image.

9. The image-rendering device of claim 1, further comprising a peripheral device connector configured to enable at least one peripheral device to be operably linked to the device, the peripheral device connector further configured to enable an image to be transferred from the peripheral device to the rendering device, or vice versa.

10. The image-rendering device of claim 9, wherein the at least one peripheral device is a digital camera.

11. The image-rendering device of claim 9, wherein the at least one peripheral device is a scanner.

12. The image-rendering device of claim 9, wherein the at least one peripheral device is a printer.

13. The image-rendering device of claim 1, wherein the projector connector is a video plug adapted to directly couple the device to a projector.

14. A portable image-rendering device for an image projector, the device comprising:

a wireless receiver adapted to link the image-rendering device to a wireless network, the wireless receiver further adapted to receive an image from any one of a plurality of computers linked to the wireless network;

a projector connector adapted to directly couple the image-rendering device to an image projector; and

a processor configured to automatically transmit the image from the wireless receiver to the image projector for display.

15. The portable image-rendering device of claim 14, wherein the wireless receiver is adapted to receive a wireless network card.

16. The portable image-rendering device of claim 14, wherein the wireless receiver includes an integral wireless network card.

17. The portable image-rendering device of claim 14, further including an image receiver incorporating the wireless receiver, wherein the image receiver is adapted to alternatively receive a first interchangeable data transfer device and a second different interchangeable data transfer device.

18. The portable image-rendering device of claim 14, further comprising a peripheral device connector configured to enable at least one peripheral device to be operably linked to the device, the peripheral device connector further configured to receive an image and transfer the image from the at least one peripheral device to the rendering device, or vice versa.

19. The portable image-rendering device of claim 18, wherein the at least one peripheral device is a digital camera.

20. The portable image-rendering device of claim 18, wherein the at least one peripheral device is a scanner.

21. The portable image-rendering device of claim 18, wherein the at least one peripheral device is a printer.

22. The portable image-rendering device of claim 14, wherein the wireless receiver is adapted to receive graphic primitives and the device is configured to render the graphic primitives into projectable images.

23. The portable image-rendering device of claim 14, wherein the wireless receiver is adapted to receive compressed images and the device is configured to decompress the images into projectable images.

24. A portable image-rendering device for an image projector comprising:

a peripheral device connector configured to enable at least one peripheral device to be operably linked to the device, the peripheral device connector further configured to receive an image from the at least one peripheral device;

a projector connector adapted to directly couple the image-rendering device to an image projector; and

a processor configured to automatically transmit the image from the at least one peripheral device to the image projector for display.

25. The portable image-rendering device of claim 24, wherein the at least one peripheral device is a camera.

26. The portable image-rendering device of claim 24, wherein the at least one peripheral device is a scanner.

27. The portable image-rendering device of claim 24, wherein the device is further configured to transfer an image displayed by the image projector to the at least one peripheral device.

28. The portable image-rendering device of claim 27, wherein the at least one peripheral device is a printer.

29. The portable image-rendering device of claim 24, further comprising an image receiver adapted to alternatively receive a first interchangeable data transfer device and a second interchangeable data transfer device, wherein each interchangeable data transfer device is adapted to enable transfer of an image to the image-rendering device.

30. An image display system comprising:

an image projector adapted to display an image; and

a portable image-rendering device having a body adapted to be operably coupled with the image projector and having an image source receiver configured to receive an image from an independent source, wherein the image-rendering device is further configured to automatically render the image from the independent source and to transfer the image to the image projector.

31. The image display system of claim 30, wherein the image projector includes a slot adapted to at least partially receive the body of the image-rendering device.

32. The image display system of claim 30, wherein the independent source is a remote computer linked to the device via a wireless network.

33. The image display system of claim 30, wherein the independent source is an interchangeable data transfer device.

34. The image display system of claim 31, wherein the image source receiver includes a slot adapted to receive an interchangeable data transfer device.

35. The image display system of claim 34, wherein the interchangeable data transfer device is a network card.

36. The image display system of claim 30, wherein the image-rendering device further includes a peripheral device connector configured to enable at least one peripheral device to be operably linked to the device, the peripheral device connector further configured to receive an image from the peripheral device and transfer the image to the image projector and vice versa.